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The long-standing dispute between the Afar and Amhara communities in North Eastern Ethiopia over resource control has been a persistent issue, with federal efforts to mediate unsuccessful. In response, local people from both ethnic groups were brought together to form joint Local Peace Committees (LPCs) to address the conflict. This study aimed to investigate the LPC's process, challenges, and opportunities in resolving conflicts in the area, using primary and secondary data sources. The research found that LPCs employed a series of processes to resolve conflicts but faced numerous challenges. Notably, it identified opportunities that could positively impact the LPCs' performance despite these obstacles. In traditional conflict resolution mechanisms, such as those practiced in Afar communities, well-established procedures guide inter-clan contexts, providing clear paths for addressing issues like homicide between clans.